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SUBJECT: SUGAR LEGISLATION

1. SEPTTEL CONTAINS QUOTA AND OTHER PROPOSALS OF HOUSE AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. WHILE PHILIPPINE ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET HAS BEEN REDUCED SOMEWHAT FROM CURRENT LEVEL, WE BELIEVE OUTCOME OF THIS STAGE OF LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IS AS FAVORABLE AS COULD BE EXPECTED.

3. FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP AND OTHERS, COMPARISON OF SOME ASPECTS OF PROPOSAL AND CURRENT LEGISLATION WITH RESPECT TO PHILS FOLLOWS:

(A) BASIC QUOTA: UNCHANGED AT 1,126,020 TONS BASED ON 25.49 PER CENT OF IMPORTS AT A CONSUMPTION ESTIMATE OF 12 MILLION TONS, BUT NOT TO BE SEPARATELY STATED IN LEGISLATION AS TONNAGE FIGURE.

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(B) TEMPORARY QUOTA: FOR FIRST TIME, PHILIPPINES IS ALLO-

CATED PRO RATA SHARE (AGAIN 25.49 PERCENT) OF CUBAN QUOTA, UNTIL ANY RESTORATION OF ALL OR PART OF SUCH QUOTA. THIS WOULD PROVIDE 202,036 TONS, ALTHOUGH LIKE OTHER SUPPLIER PHILIPPINES COULD LOSE PART OF MARKET IF AND WHEN SUGAR TRADE WITH CUBA RESUMES.

(C) DEFICITS: PHIL SHARE REDUCED FROM 30.08 PERCENT TO 20.76 PERCENT. DEFICITS EXPECTED TO BE SMALLER IN FUTURE.

(D) REFINED SUGAR: CURRENT AUTHORITY TO SHIP 59,920 SHORT TONS OF QUOTA IN REFINED FORM WOULD BE DELETED. (ONLY SMALL PART OF PHIL REFINED SUGAR AUTHORITY HAS BEEN USED IN RECENT YEARS.)

4. MAJOR RATIONALE FOR THESE CHANGES WAS DESIRE OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO TREAT ALL FOREIGN SUPPLIERS AS GROUP, AND THUS TO ELIMINATE SPECIAL TREATMENT, WHETHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, GIVEN PHILIPPINES WITH RESPECT ITEMS LISTED ABOVE. RUSH

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